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1. The new Chinese Association of Social and Economic Research (社會經濟研究所), formed ostensibly to "provide basic materials for the reconstruction of China and to study the political, diplomatic, social and economic problems facing China today", was proposed and sponsored more than two months ago (about December 1947) in Kwangtung Province by T. V. SOONG (SUNG Tzu-wen) with the permission of Generalissimo CHIANG Kai-shek. It was formally established on 1 March 1948. The Association's real objective is to serve as a new bridge between China and the United States, free of the stigma attached to the present Chinese Government. Among the founders of the Association are several well-known former Democratic League members.

25X1X Note: The following appeared in the "Rumors Column" of the 29 February 1948 issue of the Monthly Report, published by the Millard Publishing Company, Shanghai:  
"An interesting move has been made by some of the moderate liberals in Peiping. Financed largely by T. V. SOONG, this group is planning the establishment of a social science research center in Peiping. An active organizer is CH'EN Ch'ang-chao, former Executive Director of the National Resources Commission, who is connected with both T. V. and the Political Science Clique. CH'EN is trying to get the cooperation of such liberals as Professor FRI Shao-tung of Tsinghua University and HSIAC Chien of Fu Tan University..." According to a UP dispatch from Peiping, dated 2 March 1948, the Association denied that it was supported by T. V. SOONG and denied that one of its aims was the building up of political careers for its members."

25X1X Handbill printed by the Association Peiping

Text of the inaugural speech by CH'EN Ch'ang-chao / 錢昌照 /, Sec paragraph 4.):

"Gentlemen:

Today (1 March 1948) marks the formal inauguration of the Chinese Association of Social and Economic Research. I am honored to be chosen temporary chairman, and I shall make a short report preparatory to the formation of the Association.

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"The problems connected with Chinese politics, diplomacy, society, and economy are very complicated. Because they remain always in a state of confusion, the public is puzzled and embarrassed. Ever since last summer, a group of friends, representative of the fields of education, public opinion, industry and finance has been meeting periodically to discuss these problems; last November 1947, we all felt it necessary to establish an organization for studying them, and that organization is today's Chinese Association of Social and Economic Research.

"It seems impractical and out of place to talk of 'research work' at a time when everyone finds it difficult even to scrape up enough to keep alive, and those who are skeptical about social organizations are sure to voice their doubts. They might accuse us of doing something else under the name of research. Under present circumstances, skepticism is natural in anyone. Any research work that departs from reality is liable to be out of place and impractical, just as any management not based on research is like a blind man riding a blind horse. China at present is far from being a modernized nation, and many of the basic problems of building a modern state are yet to be thoroughly studied. Who can give definite figures on the Chinese population, territory, mines and forests? Who has accurately reckoned the net income of the Chinese public? These figures are the basic materials for a real reconstruction, and such research, though it will be done sooner or later, should have been done long ago.

"We feel it our duty, therefore, to gather some friends of mutual interest to have these problems studied and find for our country a ray of light in the darkness. But we should dare firmly that we are organizing a political body or utilizing our group to take part in the political activities of the nation. Any revolution beneficial to mankind is like a flower. It depends upon a fundamental theory which is like the flower's stem and leaves. The welfare enjoyed by the people is like the fruit that is from the flower. The past failure of the Chinese revolution lies in the fact that the fundamental theory isn't deep and broad enough. It is, therefore, the Association's aim to establish just such a basic theory, and our work will always remain at the stage of research. The aim of our research is to improve the general welfare of the whole populace, and the method we adopt shall be, we hope, objective and completely open.

"We should like to find a new road... a road which might have been laid by others in China. We shall not turn away, even though the international situation be modified. We shall concentrate our whole strength, and we shall cooperate with outsiders. We shall try to make a blueprint for the construction of a new China, based upon the requirements of the whole population. Henceforth, magazines, series of books and research reports shall be published by the Association. These shall be the first rough drafts of that blueprint. We hope the public will kindly give us assistance in such tedious and difficult work.

"These are only a few thoughts for the occasion. The operational procedures and our ideas on the political, diplomatic, social and economic problems shall be studied in detail in the Association members' general meeting. As soon as there is any result, it shall be published. Instruction and criticism from any quarter are sincerely welcome."

## List of the founders:

CHANG Chih-jang	(張志讓)	Professor of Fu Tan University
CHANG Chin-i	(章靳以)	Professor of Fu Tan University
CHANG Tzu-liang	(張祖良)	Administration Section Chief of Nanking Branch of CTRRA (former position)
CHANG Wen-ch'ien	(張文潛)	Manager of Ta Sheng (大生) Weaving Company
CHAO Jen-chien (趙人儉)	(趙人儉) (僑)	Professor of Tsinghua University

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CHAO Nai-ch'uan	(趙迺權)	Professor of Peking University
CH'EN Chen-han	(陳振漢)	Professor of Peking University
CH'EN Ta	(陳達)	Professor of Tsinghua University
CH'EN Yuan	(陳淵)	Cultural Commissioner dispatched by Ministry of Education to England
CHIANG Chi-p'ing	(江季平)	Special Commissioner to the UNO Security Council
CHIANG Shih-chieh	(蔣碩傑)	Professor of Peking University
CH'EN Ch'ang-chao	(錢昌照)	Adviser to the National Resources Commission
CH'EN Tuan-shong	(錢端升)	Professor of Peking University
CHOU Ping-lin	(周炳林)	Dean of College of Law, Peking University
CHU Chung-tao	(朱忠道)	Former Vice-secretary general, Executive Yuan
CHU Kuang-ch'ien	(朱光潛)	Professor of Peking University
FENG Chih	(馮至)	Professor of Peking University
FET Hsiao-t'ung	(費孝通)	Professor of Tsinghua University; former member of the Democratic League
HUO Pao-shu	(霍賢樹)	Chief Councillor of the Export and Import Control Council
HSIAO Ch'ien	(蕭乾)	Professor of Peking University; former <u>Ta Kung Pao</u> correspondent in London
HSU Shu-hsi	(徐淑希)	Vice-delegate to the UNO Security Council
HSU Yueh-t'ung (nan)	(徐毓桐)	Professor of Tsinghua University
JEN Hua	(任華)	Professor of Tsinghua University
KAU Chih	(高植)	Professor of Central University
KU Ch'un-fan	(谷春帆)	Head of Postal Savings and Money Order Bureau
LI Ch'ing-hai	(李慶海)	Professor of Tsinghua University
LIN Yueh-hua	(林耀華)	Professor of Yenching University
LIU Ta-chung	(劉大中)	Professor of Tsinghua University
LOU Pang-yen	(樓邦彥)	Professor of Peking University
LU Tso-fu	(盧作孚)	General Manager of Min Sheng (民生) Industrial Company
LU Yu-wen	(盧有文)	Adviser to National Resources Commission

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LA Ta-yu (馬大猷) -4- Dean of College of Engineering,  
 Peking University  
 PAN Kuang-tan (潘光旦) Professor of Tsinghua University;  
 (Quentin PAN) former member of the Democratic  
 League  
 SHAO Li-tzu (邵力子) Secretary General of People's  
 Political Council  
 SHEN Chia-chen (沈家禎) General manager of Jen Jen (人人)  
 Enterprises Corporation  
 SHIH Chih-jen (石志仁) Head of the Paiping-Tientsin Area  
 Railroad Administration Bureau,  
 Ministry of Communications  
 SUN Cheng (孫拯) Commissioner of National Re-  
 sources Commission  
 SUN Ch'ien-fang (孫乾方) Professor of Nankai University  
 SUN To-yu (孫多鈺) Director of Kailan Mining  
 Administration  
 SUN Yueh-ch'i (孫越嶠) Vice-chief of the National Re-  
 sources Commission  
 TAI Shih-kuang (戴世光) Professor of Tsinghua University  
 T'AO Keng-ho (陶孟和) Director of Social Science Institute  
 of the Central Research Academy  
 T'AO Pao-k'ai (陶葆楷) Professor of Tsinghua University  
 TING Ch'ien ( ) Secretary of the Administration  
 Office of the New Erh Wu Factory  
 (新二五廠), Shanghai  
 TUAN Hsi-p'eng (段錫朋) Commissioner of the Central Govern-  
 ment  
 T'UNG Kuan-hsien (童冠賢) Professor of Peking University  
 WAN Chia-pao (萬家寶) Professor of the Experimental  
 Dramatic School, Shanghai  
 WANG Ch'ung-chih (王崇植) General manager of Kailan Mining  
 Administration  
 WENG Tu-chien (翁獨健) Professor of Yenching University  
 WU Chih-ch'un (吳之椿) Professor of Peking University  
 WU Ching-ch'ao (吳景超) Professor of Tsinghua University  
 WU Pan-rung (吳半農) Member of Chinese delegation to  
 Japan  
 WU Tso-lin (吳澤林) Professor of Tsinghua University  
 WU Yün-ch'ü (吳蕴初) General manager of the T'ien Yuan  
 (天源) and T'ien Li (天利)  
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YANG Chen-sheng	(楊振聲)	Professor of Peking University
YANG Hsi-meng	(楊西孟)	Professor of Peking University
YAO Nien-ch'ing	(姚念慶)	Secretary of the National Resources Commission
YEH Ching-hsin	(葉景辛)	Secretary of the National Defense Planning Commission

## Absentees

## Proxies

CHANG Chih-jiang	YAO Nien-ch'ing
CHANG Chin-i	CH'LEN Ch'ang-chao
CHANG Wen-ch'ien	YAO Nien-ch'ing
CHIANG Chi-p'ing	CH'LEN Ch'ang-chao
CHU Chung-tao	LIU Ta-chung
HAO Ya-min (not listed above/霍亞民)	CH'LEN Ch'ang-chao
KU Ch'un-fan	CHOU Ping-lin
LIU Tso-fu	HSIAO Ch'ien
LIU Yu-wen	LIU Ta-chung
SHAO Li-tzu	HSIAO Ch'ien
SHEN Chia-chen	TING Chen
TUAN Hsi-p'eng	WU Ching-ch'ao
WAN Chia-pao	SUN Yueh-ch'i
WU Yun-ch'u	WU Ching-ch'ao

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4. At the first conference of the Association, held on 2 March 1948 at the European and American Returned Students Club in Peiping, the following business was transacted:
- (1). It was decided to begin publishing in May 1948 a weekly, entitled Hsin Lu (新路 New Road). The editors will be:

Sociology Section -- WU Ching-ch'ao  
 Literature and Foreign Affairs Section -- HSIAO Ch'ien  
 Economics Section -- LIU Ta-chung  
 Political Science Section -- CH'LEN Tuan-sheng; LOU Pang-yen will act in the absence of CH'LEN who is now in the United States.  
 WU Pan-ming, presently in Japan, will also be an editor.

- (2). The Association's thirty-two point Constitution was passed.  
 Note: For details of the Constitution see an article in the 8 March issue of the Hsin Min Wan Pao, Shanghai).

(3). The following were elected Executive Directors of the Association:  
 CHOU Ping-lin, CH'LEN Ch'ang-chao, WU Ching-ch'ao, SUN Yueh-ch'i, HSIAO Ch'ien, T'AO Meng-ho, WANG Ch'ung-chih and LOU Pang-yen.

SHAO Li-tzu, WU Yun-ch'u and T'UNG Kuan-hsien were elected Supervisory Directors.

Note: The following is extracted from an article in the 2 March 1948 issue of the Peiping Hsin Pao, CC Clique organ in Peiping:

"...Another interesting point which should be noted is that although the Association is composed of liberal elements, the fact still remains that it does not embrace all the representative liberals. It is said that while some so-called scholars, whose political views have gone on record, failed some days ago in procuring membership in the Association, others like WU Han, CHANG Hsi-jou and PAN Hung reportedly have strongly refused to become members in spite of desperate efforts on the part of the Association. As a matter of fact, the components of the Association still remain those who are close to or who wish to come into close contact with the National Government."

The following are other articles of interest not referenced above:

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